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DETERMINATION OF THE DURATION OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43, PARAGRAPH 10, OF THE CONVENTION

Note by the Secretary-General

Article 43, paragraph 10, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child provides, inter alia, that "the duration of the meetings of the Committee on the Rights of the Child shall be determined, and reviewed, if necessary, by a meeting of the States parties to the present Convention, subject to the approval of the General Assembly".

After reviewing its prospective work load, taking into account the unexpectedly large number of ratifications to the Convention received within a short space of time and the fact that, as of the end of 1992, initial reports will be due from 57 States parties, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, at its first session, requested the General Assembly to authorize the Secretary-General to schedule at least two regular sessions of the Committee annually as from 1993.

The Committee also requested the General Assembly to authorize the establishment of a pre-sessional Working Group that would meet approximately two months in advance of each session to conduct a preliminary review of reports submitted under article 44 of the Convention and to consider questions relating to technical assistance and international cooperation pursuant to article 45 of the Convention.

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In its resolution 46/112 of 12 December 1991, the General Assembly supported the organization of the future work of the Committee on the basis of two sessions per year, each of two or three weeks' duration, as well as the establishment of a pre-sessional Working Group. Additionally, before reverting to the matter at its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly invited the Secretary-General to convene a brief meeting of States parties to the Convention, preferably during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to determine the duration of the Committee's future meetings.

The States parties may wish, accordingly, to take appropriate action in respect of the matters discussed herein.